

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Office Action dated December 23, 2004 has been received and its contents noted. The foregoing amendments, and the following remarks, are intended as a full and complete response to the Office Action. In order to advance the prosecution, Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of allowed Claim 3, Claim 6 has been rewritten to incorporate the limitations of allowed Claim 8, and Claim 10 has been rewritten to be in independent form. Claim 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 10 have been amended, and Claims 3 and 8 have been canceled.

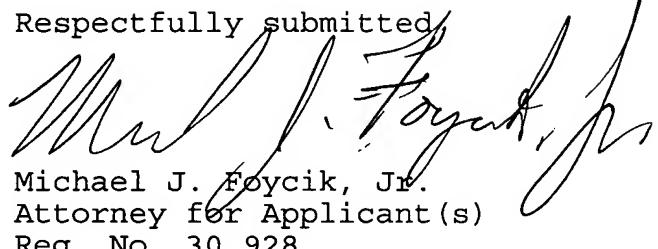
The indication of allowable subject matter in Claims 3, 4, 5, 8, and 10 is gratefully acknowledged. By the present response, the limitations of Claim 3 have been incorporated into independent Claim 1, the limitations of Claim 8 have been incorporated into independent Claim 6, and Claim 10 has been rewritten into independent form. The remaining claims depend directly or indirectly upon one of the allowable independent Claims 1 and 6.

Regarding the objections to the specification and drawings these have been amended as shown hereinabove in order to overcome these grounds of objection.

A new Abstract has been provided, in order to overcome the objection raised in the official action. Specifically, the new Abstract has a reduced number of words so that it is less than 150 words in length.

Applicant accordingly believes that the application is now in condition for allowance, and respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted



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Attachment: appendix (sheets of drawings)

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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Figs. 1, 7A, and 7B.

The changes are to remove numeral 50 from Fig. 1, change numeral 60 to 61 in Fig. 7A, and change numeral 6 into 66 in Figs. 7A and 7B.

Attachments: Replacement sheets of drawings (as an appendix);

Annotated sheets showing changes (as an appendix).

ANNOTATED SHEET SHOWING CHANGES

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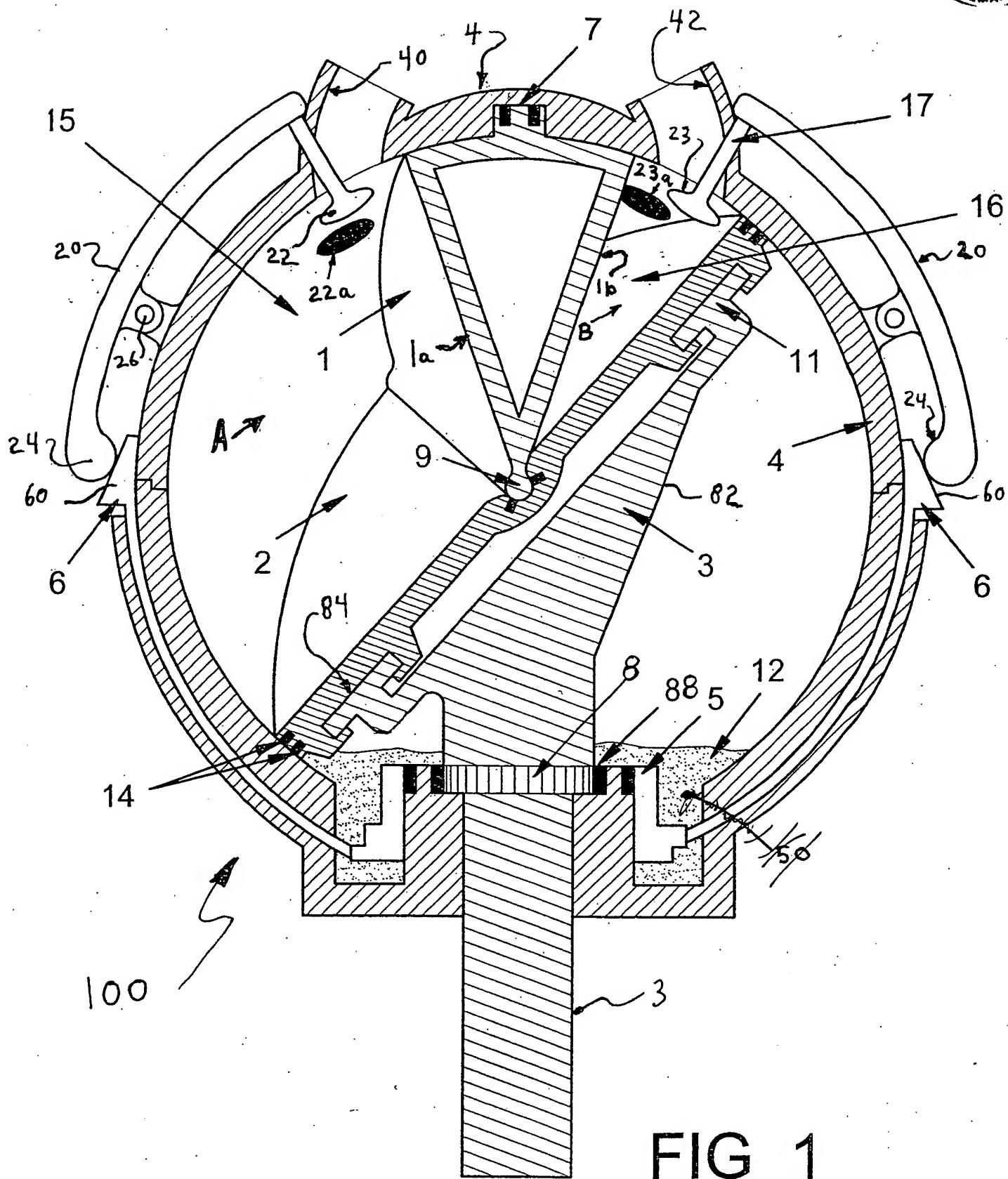


FIG 1

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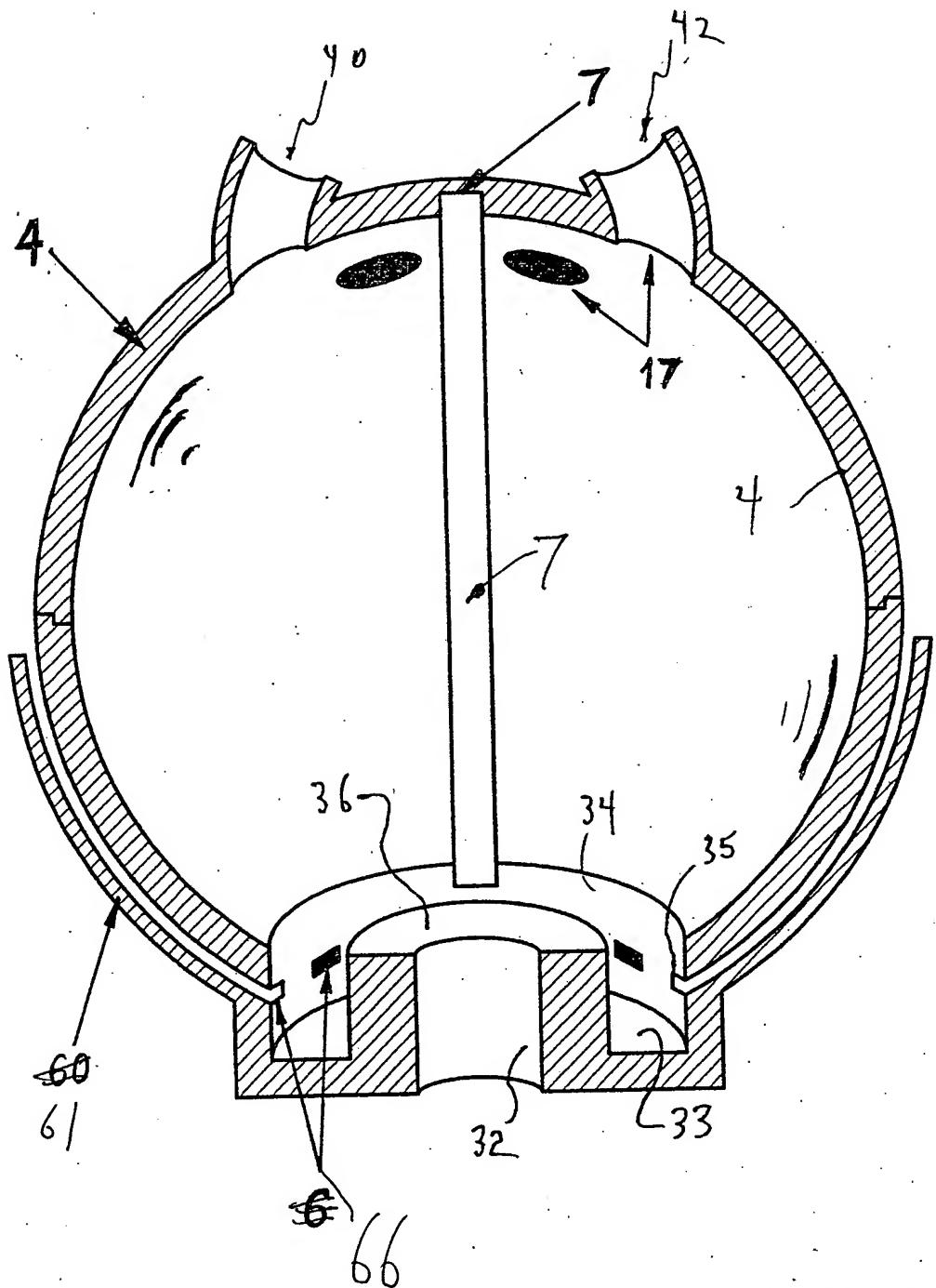


FIG 7A

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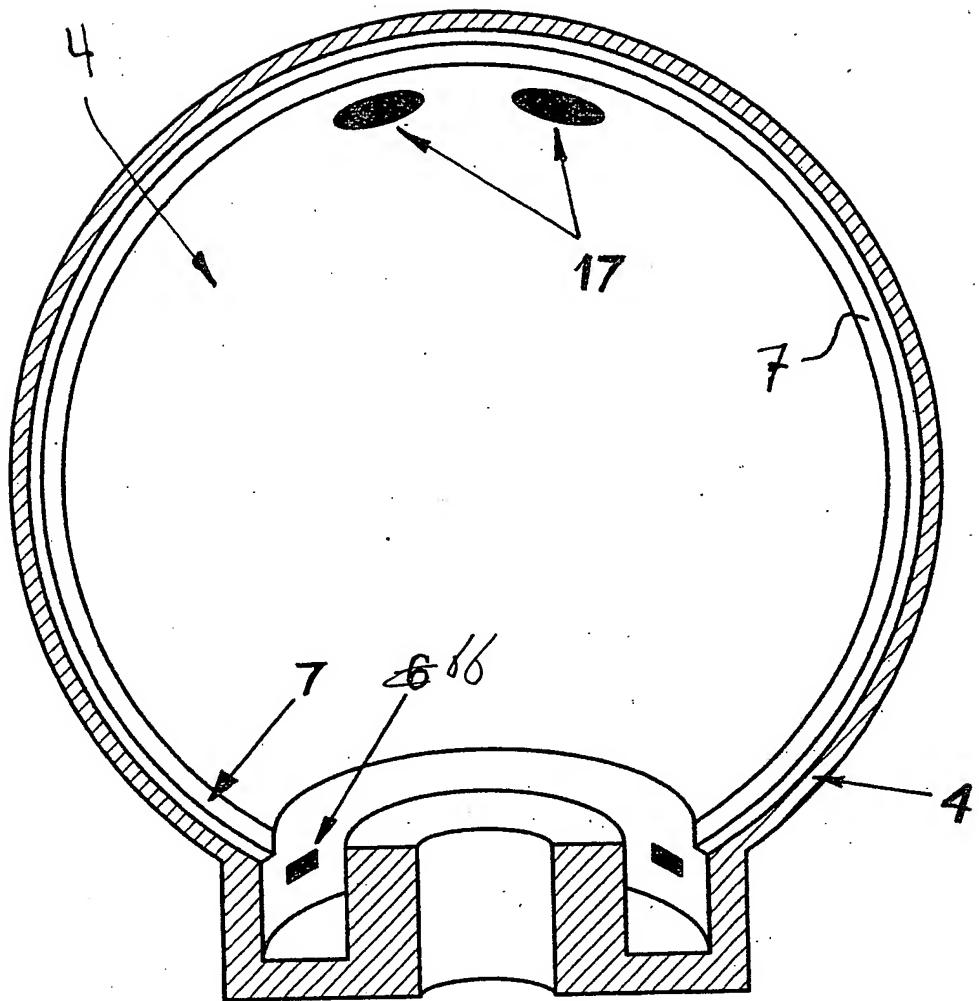


FIG 7B